

## BREAK NEAR IN LONDON CABINET; KAISER TO BALK AT NOTE DEMANDS?

SAYS BERLIN  
WILL DEFEND  
LOSS OF SHIPDutch Correspondent Learns  
That Blame Will Be  
Placed on England.

## SINGLE TORPEDO FIRED

Believed Germany Will De-  
cline to Modify Methods  
of Submarine War.Berlin, May 18, (via London, 4:45  
p. m.)—The official text of the  
German note to Germany was  
published here today.It was said at the foreign office  
that it would be some days before  
the answer of the imperial govern-  
ment was ready. This is because  
the note raises many points, and  
consultation between several de-  
partments of the government will  
be necessary in preparing a reply.Paris, May 18.—Germany's reply to  
the American note on the sinking of  
the Lusitania will be sent Thursday,  
according to the Matin's Amsterdam  
correspondent, who says he is in-  
formed it will justify the attack on  
the Lusitania on the ground that the sub-  
marine commander has admitted in his  
report that only one torpedo was fired,  
which convinced him that the second  
explosion was due to the fact that the  
ship carried munitions of war. The  
report is said to state that the torpedo  
was fired in such a way the Lusitania  
would not have sunk if she had not had  
explosives aboard.The Matin's correspondent says it is  
reported in Amsterdam that Germany  
will throw the responsibility for the  
disaster on England and on the Ameri-  
can authorities who permitted passen-  
gers to embark on a ship carrying ex-  
plosives. It is believed in Holland, he  
adds, that Germany will decline to  
modify its methods of submarine war-  
fare.

## Defending All Americans.

Rio Janeiro, Brazil, May 18.—Com-  
menting on the American note to Ger-  
many the local papers in editorial ar-  
ticles express the view that this com-  
munication makes it incumbent on Ger-  
many either to make herself hated in  
North America or cease her "piratical  
and infamous acts." In defending its  
interests, the papers say, the United  
States is defending the interests of all  
America and of all neutral countries,  
countries which already should have  
taken action along these lines.VILLA'S BROTHER  
DEAD OF WOUNDSFinally Hurt When He Attempts to  
Quiet Intoxicated Soldiers at  
Chihuahua Ring.El Paso, Texas, May 18.—Antonio  
Villa, a brother of General Francisco  
Villa, died late yesterday from wounds  
received in a brawl at Chihuahua City,  
according to advices received today at  
Juarez. Several others were killed  
and wounded. The fight arose, it was  
announced officially, when Villa, an of-  
ficer in his brother's army, attempted  
to quiet some intoxicated soldiers at  
the bull ring in the Chihuahua state  
capital. The incident was said to have  
had no political significance.ILLINOIS CATHOLIC  
UNION HAS ELECTIONAurora, Ill., May 18.—The Illinois  
Catholic union, which holds its conven-  
tion in German, closed its 23rd an-  
nual session here today with a sing-  
ing of "America." The 1914 conven-  
tion was awarded to Springfield.Officers were elected as follows:  
President, August Selzer, Edwards-  
ville; first vice president, Ludwig  
Shuerman, Decatur; second vice pre-  
sident, Peter Wetland, Aurora; corre-  
sponding and financial secretary,  
George N. Kramp, Springfield; record-  
ing secretary, Fred Gilson, Chicago;  
treasurer, Michael Waldorf, Chicago;  
executive committee, Paul Koenner,  
Chicago, George Lehner, Bloomington,  
Fred Tronost, Peru.

## City Has Two Fire Chiefs.

Ottumwa, Iowa, May 18.—Ottumwa  
has two fire chiefs today as a result  
of a recent ruling in district court.  
Retreating Alvin Tomlin, who was  
deposed last April. Tomlin with coun-  
sel appeared today at the station and  
demanded the position of chief. The  
city commissioners upheld Charles  
Sloan, made chief upon Tomlin's re-  
tirement. The fire department is di-  
vided as to its leader.

## JUST THINKIN'

ORDUNA DEPARTS  
MINUS AMERICANCunard Liner Leaves New York With  
225 Passengers and Supplies for  
English Government.New York, May 18.—Two hundred  
twenty-five passengers sailed today on  
board the Cunard line steamer Or-  
duna for Liverpool. A few were regis-  
tered on the passenger list as from  
New York and two from Chicago. It  
was reported that the Orduna had on  
board a large cargo of supplies for the  
British government.There was not an American among  
the passengers when the Orduna sail-  
ed. In honor of President Wilson,  
whose yacht, the Mayflower, lay at  
anchor in the Hudson awaiting the  
passage to sea of the fleet, the Orduna  
was decked out in bunting, with  
strings of streamers stretched from  
her masts to bow and stern. Captain  
Taylor said he was not worrying  
about submarines and expected an in-  
terrupted trip across.London, May 18.—The Cunard line  
steamer Transylvania, which arrived  
at Glasgow yesterday from New York,  
encountered a submarine off the north-  
west coast of Ireland Saturday, ac-  
cording to passengers who arrived in  
London today. They say the subma-  
rine appeared from five to eight hun-  
dred yards away. The periscope and  
part of the conning tower were in  
sight several minutes. The Transyl-  
vania's captain turned his ship and  
steered a zigzag course until danger  
was past.New York, May 18.—The Anchor line  
steamer Tuscania, arrived today after  
an uneventful trip from Glasgow and  
Liverpool.Boston, Mass., May 18.—According  
to her captain, W. F. Wood, the Leyland  
steamer Etonian, which arrived from  
Liverpool today, was prevented from  
going to the rescue of the passengers  
of the sinking Lusitania, by a warning  
that an attack might be made on his  
own vessel.CONTINUE HEARING  
PEARSON ARGUMENTMilwaukee, Wis., May 18.—Argu-  
ment on the order of Circuit Judge  
William J. Turner, requiring General  
Samuel Pearson to show cause why  
proceedings for the examination of  
Otto H. Falk, president of the Allis-  
Chalmers company and others in con-  
nection with the alleged manufacture  
of shrapnel shells for the allies,  
should not be permanently stayed, was  
today postponed until Thursday, May  
20.Polish Americans Back Wilson.  
Milwaukee, Wis., May 18.—"Confi-  
dence and trust in the wisdom of the  
foreign policy of President Wilson in  
the present trying moment," was ex-  
pressed last night in resolutions by  
the delegates of the Polonia General  
committee representing 100,000 Pol-  
ish-Americans in Milwaukee county.ATLANTIC FLEET  
OFF TO NEWPORTEach Ship Fires Presidential Salute in  
Passing Mayflower—To Be-  
gin Maneuvers.New York, May 18.—The big fleet of  
warships which has been at anchor in  
the Hudson river for 10 days steamed  
out to sea at 11 o'clock today with  
President Wilson reviewing the five-  
mile line as it passed the Mayflower,  
off the Statue of Liberty.Headed by the super-dreadnought  
Wyoming, Admiral Fletcher's flagship,  
the 16 big battleships and their train  
of lesser fighting craft steamed past  
the presidential yacht at a speed of 14  
knots, each ship with its sailors and  
marines standing at the rail at atten-  
tion. As each craft neared the May-  
flower, her six-pounders, fore and aft,  
let loose with white puffs of smoke,  
and over the harbor there roared the  
thunder of a presidential salute of 21  
guns.CHAGAS IS ALIVE;  
ASSAILANT SLAINLisbon Announces That New Presi-  
dent of Portugal is Recovering  
From His Shot Wound.Lisbon, Portugal, May 18 (via Paris).  
—A new Portuguese cabinet was de-  
finitely formed today, headed by Jose  
Castro as minister of the interior and  
president of the council during the  
illness of Joao Chagas.Washington, D. C., May 18.—Advi-  
ces from Lisbon to the Portuguese legat-  
ion today made no mention of disor-  
ders following the shooting of Presi-  
dent Chagas. The dispatches said or-  
der had been restored and that pub-  
lic services had been resumed.Lisbon via Paris May 18, 4:50 a. m.  
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the Entracamento railway station by  
a soldier who witnessed the attack  
on Senor Chagas. By his action the  
soldier forestalled an assault on Frei-  
tas by civilians who were clamoring  
for his life. The assassin's body is  
still lying on the platform awaiting  
the arrival of members of his family.It was Freitas who led the attack  
in the senate against Alfonso Costa's  
party in the parliamentary conflict  
last year. It is believed in some quar-  
ters that the bullets which struck  
Chagas were intended for Costa who  
arrived at Lisbon earlier in the day.New York, May 18.—Justice Hend-  
rick today postponed Harry Thaw's  
sanity jury trial until June 7.2,000 DEAD NEAR  
YSER, PARIS SAYSGermans Make Violent Counter At-  
tack, But Are Repulsed, Is  
French Official Claim.Paris, May 18 (2:35 p. m.)—French  
official statement:"On the section to the west of the  
Yser canal, conquered by us yester-  
day and the day before yesterday, the  
Germans left about 2,000 dead and a  
great number of rifles. During the  
engagements yesterday we made some  
further prisoners. To the east of the  
canal we have consolidated the posi-  
tions recently taken by us. During  
the night the Germans made a violent  
counter attack. They were repulsed.  
In the region to the north of Notre  
Dame de Lorette, on the road from  
Aix Noyette to Souchez, we checked  
completely by our fire two other  
German counter attacks. We captured  
a group of houses near the cemete-  
ry of Ablain. Along all the front to  
the north of Arras the artillery fight-  
ing is continuing day and night. The  
Germans have bombarded Arras with  
great ferocity. In the region of  
Ville-Au-Buis, near Berry-Au-Bac, the  
enemy yesterday made a fresh attack,  
but was easily repulsed."Berlin, May 18, (via London, 6 p. m.)  
—German official report: "Quiet  
reigned yesterday north of Ypres on  
the canal near Steenstraete and Het  
Sas. Southeast of Bousinghe on the  
eastern bank of the canal, fighting de-  
veloped at some points and continues  
today. South of Neuve Chapelle yester-  
day and again today, British at-  
tacks were repulsed with heavy losses  
to the enemy. Renewed French at-  
tacks on the heights of Lorette near  
Ablain and west of Souchez failed.  
Prisoners to the number of 150 re-  
mained in our hands at this point.  
Near Ailly the fighting of the infantry  
broke down under our flanking  
fire. On the Dubysa river in the vicinity  
of Elzorga, a strong attack deliv-  
ered by the enemy again was re-  
pulsed. German forces have been sent  
to attack Russian forces brought up  
south of the River Nieman, and fight-  
ing is in progress in the general direc-  
tion of Gryaykubaza, Syntowitz and  
Acyraki. Yesterday 1,700 Russians were  
captured. At a point north of Wysoka  
our cavalry threw back the Russian  
attacks on Mariampol."Lisbon via Paris May 18, 4:50 a. m.  
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MAY BE MADE  
NAVAL CHIEFDemand Is That Seaman Be  
Put at Head of Admiralty  
in Place of Churchill.

## CABINET CRISIS NEAR

Kitchenier Tells Commons  
Methods Must Be Adopt-  
ed to Fight Gases.London, May 18, 1:52 p. m.—  
A cabinet crisis seems imminent  
in Great Britain. There has arisen  
what appears to be a rupture be-  
tween the civil head of the admir-  
alty, Winston Spencer Churchill, and  
the lords of the admiralty, but  
particularly Lord Fisher, admiral  
of the fleet. Possibility of mater-  
ial changes in the cabinet is being  
discussed. For the moment the  
situation holds chief place in the  
political field. Many rumors are  
current, but the ministers are sec-  
retative.London, May 18, 12:50 p. m.—There  
have been no developments today in  
the threatened break between Winston  
Spencer Churchill, first lord of the ad-  
miralty, and Lord Fisher, admiral of  
the fleet and first sea lord. It is un-  
derstood, however, that the matter  
will be subject of a statement in the  
house of commons today.The Times is among the London  
newspapers this morning which men-  
tions the fact that Lord Fisher has  
not attended the admiralty for the last  
two days, and the rumors arising from  
this of friction between him and Mr. Church-  
hill.Editorially the Times refers to these  
reports as confirming the popular im-  
pression that the government, like the  
nation, has reached the restless transi-  
tional stage. The editorial refers in  
general terms to dissatisfaction ex-  
pressed in many quarters with Mr.  
Churchill, who is credited with as-  
suming responsibility and over-riding  
his expert advisers to a degree which  
might at any time endanger the na-  
tional safety. The Times declines to  
express a definite opinion, but sug-  
gests it would be well to have a se-  
man at the head of the admiralty who  
would command popular approval, and  
it thinks the only man for this post is  
Lord Fisher.It was intimated in authoritative  
circles today that any differences  
which may have existed between Mr.  
Churchill and Lord Fisher had been  
satisfactorily composed.Secretary for War Kitchenier stated  
in the house of lords this afternoon  
that the British and French govern-  
ments felt that the allied troops must  
be adequately protected against poi-  
sonous gases by the employment of sim-  
ilar methods. These would remove  
the enormous and unjustifiable ad-  
vantage which must otherwise exist.

## Calls for 300,000 More Recruits.

Kitchenier said he wanted 300,000  
more recruits to form new armies. He  
expressed confidence that the country  
soon would be in a satisfactory po-  
sition with regard to the supply of am-  
munition. The news from the Dar-  
danelles was thoroughly satisfactory,  
he declared.FREDERICK BONNIE  
INSIDE VILLA LINE?El Paso, Texas, May 18.—A man be-  
lieved to be the German-American avi-  
ator, Frederick Bonnie, delirious from  
lack of water and food, has wandered  
into the Villa lines about San Luis  
Potosi, it was reported today. Bon-  
nie was the principal in an adventure  
a week ago in which his aeroplane was  
struck by a shell from the Villa artil-  
lery.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for  
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline  
and Vicinity.Partly cloudy tonight with probably  
frost. Wednesday unsettled and con-  
tinued cool.  
Temperature at 7 a. m. 44. Highest  
yesterday 61. Lowest last night 43.  
Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 8 miles  
per hour.Precipitation trace.  
Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 84. at 7  
a. m. 39. at 1 p. m. today 65.  
Stage of water 6 feet, no change in  
last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

## ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Mercury, Mars, Sat-  
urn. Morning stars: Jupiter, Venus.  
The Milky way extends from the east-  
ern to the western points.

## THE WAR TODAY

A far-reaching victory in Bu-  
kovina, the Austrian crownland  
on the eastern extremity of the  
Russian front, is claimed in an of-  
ficial announcement from Petro-  
grad. According to this statement,  
the Russians have swept through  
Bukovina, taking back much of  
the territory which they held ear-  
lier in the war until they were  
driven out by the Austrians. Their  
successes are described of such  
importance that they more than  
offset the Austro-German victory  
in western Galicia. In the drive  
from Cracow. It is reported the  
Russians have taken Czernowitz,  
capital of Bukovina, having brok-  
en down Austrian resistance over  
a 90-mile front and captured 90-  
000 prisoners. The Russian war  
office concedes a further retreat in  
Russian Poland between the Pi-  
lica and the Vistula rivers, on part  
of the long front over which they  
have been compelled by the Aus-  
tro-German armies to fall back.The Turkish general staff at the  
Dardanelles reports that the allies  
on Saturday made several attacks  
on the Turkish right wing. It is  
said they were repulsed with the  
loss of 1,500 men. The British  
press representatives at the Dar-  
danelles telegraphed that the allies  
have now advanced about five  
miles up the Gallipoli peninsula.An Amsterdam dispatch to a  
Paris newspaper, says the German  
reply to the American note will be  
dispatched on Thursday and that  
it is expected in Holland Germany  
will defend the sinking of the Lus-  
itania and decline to modify her  
methods of submarine warfare.The decision of Italy's policy  
concerning the war apparently  
has been postponed until after  
parliament meets on Thursday. It  
is expected in Rome that parlia-  
ment will be asked to confer plen-  
ary powers on the cabinet.A plot to assassinate the sultan  
of Turkey, Field Marshal von Der  
Goltz, Field Marshal von Sanders  
and Enver Pasha is said to have  
been discovered in Constantinople.  
Turks and Armenians are credited  
with the authorship of the plot,  
and 400 Armenians have been ar-  
rested.PETHRICK TELLS  
MURDER DETAILSChicago Youth Says He Killed Mrs.  
Coppersmith and Baby After  
Quarrel Over Change.Chicago, Ill., May 18.—Russell Peth-  
rick, 22 years old, who confessed yester-  
day to the murder of Mrs. Ella  
Coppersmith and her baby boy, was  
taken to the Coppersmith home by  
detectives today and explained in de-  
tail how the tragedy was enacted.  
They quarreled over change for a  
\$10 bill, he said, and Mrs. Coppers-  
smith slapped him. He killed her  
with a hammer which he picked up  
from the floor and slashed her with a  
butcher knife. He killed the child in  
the same manner when it began to  
scream.He robbed the house to make it ap-  
pear that the murders were the work  
of burglars. Pethrick's arrest was  
based on finger print identification.KUEPFERLE TRIAL  
OPENS IN LONDONBritish Authorities Maintain Alleged  
American Accused of Spying Is  
German Citizen.London, May 18.—The trial of Anton  
Kuepfeler, who claims to be a natu-  
ralized American citizen residing at one  
time in Brooklyn, N. Y., charged with  
spying, opened in Old Bailey police  
court today before Lord Reading, lord  
chief justice, and Justices Avory and  
Lush.Although it had been announced ear-  
lier that the hearings would be in cam-  
era, the authorities decided at the last  
moment on a public trial, and the  
court room was crowded. Admission  
by ticket was insisted on. The charge  
alleges that the prisoner, with the in-  
tention of assisting the enemy of Great  
Britain, feloniously attempted to com-  
municate information respecting war-  
ships and military forces and material  
calculated to be useful to the enemy.  
The prosecution was conducted by the  
attorney general.Kuepfeler pleaded not guilty. In  
opening the case the attorney general  
remarked that the prisoner had claim-  
ed to be an American, but the prosecu-  
tion contended he is a German, who  
had written a letter to an address in  
a neutral country in Europe giving in-  
formation concerning British warships  
and their positions in the Irish chan-  
nel and the disposition of the king's  
forces. The letter appeared to be an  
innocent commercial communication  
until it was closely examined. It was  
found to be interlined with the above  
information in the German language,  
written in invisible ink.TWO NATIONS  
SPAR ON WAR;  
ROME IS WILDItaly Defers Final Action Till  
Thursday Unless Austria  
Makes Move.

## TRAIN FOR VON BUELOW

General Staff Continues Fev-  
erish Activity Preparing  
for Eventualities.Rome, May 18, (via Paris).—Dis-  
patches from Trieste confirm pre-  
vious reports of a revolutionary  
movement there. The town is in  
a state of siege. The presence of  
the military, however, has failed to  
prevent attempts at popular upris-  
ings and demonstrations of hos-  
tility to Emperor Francis Joseph.  
The automobiles of every mem-  
ber of the cabinet, with the excep-  
tion of Premier Salandra, were  
commandeered today by the army  
authorities.Rome, May 17 (via Paris, May 18).—  
The Italian parliament will be asked  
Thursday to vote on a bill containing  
a single clause conferring plen-  
ary powers on the government, accord-  
ing to the Giornale d'Italia. Final action  
regarding war is not expected until  
after that time, unless Austria makes  
the first move, which is considered un-  
likely, in view of the pacific speeches  
made in the Hungarian diet.Alarmist rumors of all kinds are  
being circulated in Rome and the sit-  
uation is so tense there are many who  
believe them all. One report today  
was that Prince von Buelow, the Ger-  
man ambassador, already had left the  
city secretly. It was unfounded, al-  
though a special train is kept in  
readiness to carry him to St. Gothard  
if a break comes, as he is understood  
to have expressed a wish to return  
to Berlin by way of Switzerland. An-  
other special stands with steam up  
ready to speed for the Austrian fron-  
tier by way of Verona and Brenner,  
with Baron von Macchio, the Austrian  
ambassador, and his staff.Foreign Minister Sonnino conferred  
at length this afternoon with the Brit-  
ish ambassador and the Roumanian  
minister.  
Giolitti Misunderstood.  
Former Premier Giolitti, whose dra-  
matic appearance in Rome precipitated  
a ministerial crisis because of his  
avowals for peace, started today for  
his home in the village of Cavour, ac-  
companied by his son-in-law. Before  
leaving he expressed to friends the  
hope that he soon would be able to  
explain how greatly he was misunder-  
stood and how ardently he desires  
the successful maintenance of the  
honor of the fatherland, to which the  
remainder of his life's efforts will be  
devoted.The cabinet council today was one  
of the longest on record. At its close  
a brief communication was issued stat-  
ing that the ministers discussed the  
statement to be made before parlia-  
ment. No further intimation was given  
as to what action was taken.King Victor Emmanuel spent the en-  
tire day in granting audiences to gov-  
ernment officials and in the consid-  
eration of military and political ques-  
tions.The general staff continued with fev-  
erish activity its preparations for  
eventualities.There were further demonstrations  
of rejoicing throughout Italy at the  
solution of the ministerial crisis. In  
Rome a great crowd climbed the cap-  
itol hill to listen to a fiery address by  
Gabriele d'Annunzio, who was car-  
ried on the shoulders of the people.  
He declared war was sacred, purify-  
ing and exalting. The enthusiasm was  
increased by an address by Prince  
Colonna, mayor of Rome, in which he  
emphasized the necessity for Italy to  
participate in the war.In an article summarizing the sit-  
uation, the Tribune says "the die is  
cast, the Rubicon is crossed and the  
triple alliance has been denounced."Rome, May 17 (via Paris, May 18).—  
Dispatches from Trieste telegraphed  
from the frontier to the Idea Na-  
zionale state that the number killed in  
the rioting of Sunday was about fifty,  
including several aged men. The Aus-  
trian authorities had three cannon  
trained on the town from the height of  
Opicina and also threatened to have  
the city bombarded by warships. Re-  
newal of the revolutionary outbreak  
has been impossible because strong  
forces of troops occupy the city.Wets Win Recount Case.  
Kewanee, Ill., May 18.—In the con-  
test over the result of the recent local  
option election at Atkinson, when the  
license issue won by one vote, the re-  
count yesterday in the Henry county  
court gave the decision to the wets.